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HOUSE RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, State Representative Monique D. Davis and the  
3 members of the Illinois House of Representatives are saddened  
4 to learn of the death of Dr. Shirley Irene DuBois of  
5 Jacksonville, North Carolina, who passed away on February 18,  
6 2015; and

7           WHEREAS, Dr. Dubois was born in Chicago on August 6, 1938  
8 to Houston and Naomi (nee Evans) Gaines; she attended  
9 elementary and high school in Chicago and graduated from the  
10 University of Chicago Laboratory School; she then attended  
11 Chicago Teachers College (now Chicago State University) to  
12 fulfill her desire to become a teacher; she married Lee Andrew  
13 Pittman; and

14           WHEREAS, Dr. Dubois worked in the Chicago Public Schools  
15 until her retirement in 1992; while working in the Chicago  
16 school system, she earned a master's degree from Northwestern  
17 University and a Ph.D. in public policy from the University of  
18 Illinois at Chicago; she later completed the Chicago  
19 principal's exam and was selected to become principal at Walter  
20 Gresham Elementary School; after completing a sabbatical  
21 leave, she taught reading to Title I students until her early  
22 retirement; shortly after retiring, she worked for 3 years as a  
23 staff development specialist for the Teachers Academy for Math

1 & Science; during her teaching career, she managed real estate  
2 property that she owned for over 30 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Dr. Dubois and her children traveled throughout  
4 the United States, Mexico, Africa, and Asia; in retirement, she  
5 became active on the session for Second Presbyterian Church in  
6 Chicago, volunteering time to assist with various programs; she  
7 was active in educational groups; she was a life member of the  
8 National Alliance of Black School Educators, the Retired  
9 Teachers Association of Chicago, and the University of Illinois  
10 Alumni Association; she was a member and served several  
11 positions in Pi Lambda Theta, the University of Chicago  
12 chapter, an honorary educational society; she later served  
13 terms as Treasurer and as an international board member of Pi  
14 Lambda Theta; and

15 WHEREAS, Dr. Dubois married Floyd DuBois in 2002; in 2004,  
16 they moved to Jacksonville, North Carolina to assist with  
17 caring for their 2 granddaughters until they graduated from  
18 high school and went to college; during their time in  
19 Jacksonville, they became members of Evening View Missionary  
20 Baptist Church and Covenant ARP churches; they also attended  
21 New Vision M.B. Church; while in Jacksonville, they worked with  
22 the Georgetown High School Alumni Association's "Annual Black  
23 History Writing Contest"; and

1           WHEREAS, Dr. Dubois was preceded in death by her parents  
2 and her sisters, Dorothy Gaines Gregory and Ramona Gaines  
3 Scott; and

4           WHEREAS, Dr. Dubois is survived by her husband, Dr. Floyd  
5 DuBois; her children, Andrew Pittman and Janet Pittman Reed;  
6 her granddaughters, Sheria Janelle Reed and Ayanna Janae Reed;  
7 her brother-in-law, Charles Gregory; her nieces, Rosemary  
8 Gregory Harmon and Cynthia Gregory; her 2 great-nieces; her  
9 special cousin, Sidney Edwards Cole; her special caretaker,  
10 Andrew Taylor; and a host of cousins, relatives, and friends;  
11 therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE  
13 NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we  
14 mourn the passing of Dr. Shirley Irene DuBois, and extend our  
15 sincere condolences to her family, friends, and all who knew  
16 and loved her; and be it further

17           RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be  
18 presented to the family of Dr. Dubois as an expression of our  
19 deepest sympathy.